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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ICELAND-UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: UK AGREES TO WITHDRAW FRIGATES AND NIMRODS

1. UK FRIGATES AND NIMRODS STARTED WITHDRAWING FROM DISPUTED FISHERIES AREA THIS MORNING. LUNS IN MIDNIGHT TELEPHONE CALL LAST NIGHT TO PRIMEMIN GEIR HALLGRIMSSON ADVISED LATTER OF UK INTENTION AND ALSO STATED INVITATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM UK LATER TODAY FOR HALLGRIMSSON TO MEET WITH WILSON IN LONDON.

2. LUNS REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED HALLGRIMSSON IN VERY STRONG TERMS FOR YESTERDAY'S "ULTIMATUM" REGARDING SEVERING OF CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIONS WITH UK AND ADVISED HIM THAT IT COULD HAVE DESTROYED

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HIS EFFORTS TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD HALLGRIMSSON THAT CALLAGHAN HAD ALREADY AGREED TO WITHDRAWAL OF FRIGATES AND NIMRODS BEFORE RECEIPT OF GOI'S SEVERANCE ACTION. DESPITE CALLAGHAN'S PIQUE AT GOI HE, NEVERTHELESS, AGREED TO PROCEED WITH WITHDRAWAL.

3. ICELAND'S CABINET IS MEETING TODAY TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS.

4. THERE IS FEELING IN SOME CIRCULES THAT HARDLINERS FORCED GOI TO ISSUE SEVERANCE DEADLINE YESTERDAY FOR LOCAL POLITICAL GAIN AND TO DAMPEN CREDIT THAT WOULD ACCRUE TO NATO, KNOWING FULL WELL LUNS' MISSION ON WITHDRAWAL OF FRIGATES WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.
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